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SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR JOAO BAPTISTA PINHEIRO

REF: STATE 039108

1. AMBASSADOR BAPTISTA PINHEIRO, A 61-YEAR-OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAS SERVED FOR A LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR IN BUENOS AIRES. HE HAS PROVEN TO BE A HARD-WORKING AMBASSADOR AND ENJOYS THE RESPECT OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE WORK SCHEDULE AND HEAVY SOCIAL DEMANDS OF HIS POSITION HERE, HIS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IS NOT GOOD. HE SEEMS TO ALWAYS BE IN A STATE OF EXTREME TIREDNESS.

3. BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH AND, OF COURSE, PORTUGUESE. BOTH, BY THEIR CONDUCT HERE, HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY WELL DISPOSED TO THE US AND ARE VERY PLEASED BY THEIR US POSTING.

4. THE BAPTISTA PINHEIROS HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HILL AND, EXCEPT FOR MRS. BAPTISTA PINHEIRO'S TENDENCY TO BE OVERLY TALKATIVE AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, ARE AN EXEMPLARY TEAM. THEY SEEM AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THEIR NEW JOB, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE AMBASSADOR WAS EDUCATED AT STANFORD AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND SERVED IN WASHINGTON IN THE EARLY 1950'S.

5. AMBASSADOR BAPTISTA PINHEIRO HAS ALSO SERVED AS AMBASSADOR
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TO JAPAN AND HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN OVERSEAS POSTINGS.

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